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1. Mavag is at prosent producing heavy five ton trucks of the Soviet G.M. type, troop carriers, and M.6 and M.7 type tractors. (After Manfred Weiss and Hoffner Schrantz Clayton Shuttleworth, Mavag is the third largest tractor factory in Hungary).

2. Mavag also has shops for the assembly of passenger cars.

3. The monthly output of G.M. trucks varies between 50 and 80, though in July 1948 the Acceptance Committee only passed 37.

4. It is reported that the great defect of Mavag motor vehicles is the poor quality of the steel used for the chassis. Ferenc Fulossi, the chief production engineer, went to Prague and Moscow in August 1948 to obtain better raw materials.

5. Fulossi, prior to his departure, declared that if only the works could obtain the necessary raw material and 20 new machine tools, they could have no difficulty in turning out carriers (capacity: 45 men) in addition to the trucks.

6. Both types of vehicles (the carriers and five ton G.M. trucks) are primarily required for the Hungarian Army and Police. The Ministry of Defense has already ordered 22 carriers for the Army and nine for the Frontier Guards, as well as fifty-six five ton trucks. The Police have ordered 17 carriers and nine trucks.

7. It is reported that Manfred Weiss and Mavag are now turning out 600 [illegible] motor-cycles a month, while the former is also producing large numbers of bicycles. The present rate of 6,500 a month is to be increased to 10,000 a month from September 1948.

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